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Conservative Morgenbladet wrote on March 29 that the Belgian crisis over King Leopold has assumed forms which do not only threaten the unity of Belgium but also the cooperation between the Atlantic Pact nations. "The crisis has been a serious strain on Belgian national life and may also have unfortunate consequences outside of the country. Although the former Defense Minister DEVEZE will represent Belgium at the important NAT meeting in the Hague on April 1, the Belgian national assembly has not yet ratified the bilateral military agreement with the United States, which is necessary before American military equipment can be sent to the country. It is to be feared that further postponement of the ratification may have harmful effects on the planning of the defense of the entire Western Europe."

Henry S. Villard

Henry S. Villard,
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

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